

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:23-cv-00346-MR-WCM

VERONICA D. NEWKIRK,

Plaintiff,

v.

TROOPER CHRISTOPHER

COLTON WADE, *in his individual
and official capacities;*

TROOPERS JOHN DOES 1-2,

in their individual and official capacities;

COMMANDER GLENN M. MCNEIL JR.,

in his individual and official capacity;

NORTH CAROLINA

HIGHWAY PATROL;

SECRETARY EDDIE BUFFALOE, JR.,

in his individual and official capacity;

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT

OF PUBLIC SAFETY;

DEPUTIES JANE DOES 1-4,

in their individual and official capacities;

DETENTION CAPTAIN MICHAEL

MAUNEY, *in his individual*

and official capacity;

DETENTION MAJOR RODNEY FITCH,

in his individual and official capacity;

SHERIFF ALAN NORMAN,

in his individual and official capacity;

and

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE

COMPANY,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Defendant Christopher Colton Wade's Motion to Attend Initial Pretrial Conference by Telephone. Doc. 56.

The Motion will be denied, as the undersigned finds that, under the circumstances presented, Plaintiff and counsel for all remaining Defendants¹ should appear in person at the Initial Pretrial Conference. However, the time set for the conference will be changed to later in the day, to reduce the travel burden for Plaintiff and defense counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Defendant's Motion to Attend Initial Pretrial Conference by Telephone (Doc. 56) is **DENIED**.
2. The start time for the Initial Pretrial Conference is changed to **1:00PM on January 15, 2025**.

Signed: January 2, 2025



W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge



¹ At least one attorney of record must appear for each remaining defendant. Where a defendant is represented by multiple attorneys, it is not necessary for all of those attorneys to appear.